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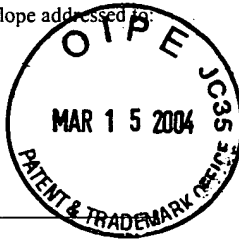
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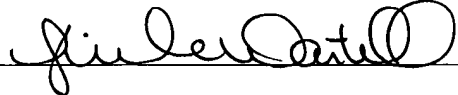
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WITHIN A FAMILY TREE SYSTEMS
AND METHODS

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(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003. See 37 CFR 1.491(b).

Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of the following co-pending patent applications:

1. U.S. Patent App. No. 10/748,441, filed December 29, 2003, Applicant Cookson, Jr. et al., Attorney Docket No. 019404-001200US; and
2. U.S. Patent App. No. 10/748,439, filed December 29, 2003, Applicant Cookson, Jr. et al., Attorney Docket No. 019404-001500US.


To comply with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(iii), the specifications, drawings and claims for each of these applications are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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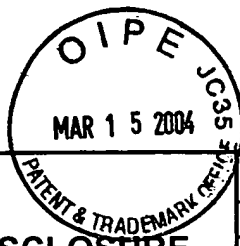
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